

Celebrating The Life of

Allison Josephine Betty Scott

Sunrise
February 13, 1933

Sunset
February 29, 2016

"A New Home"



Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW AME CHURCH

336 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Dr. Lanell D. Guyton, Officiating
Rev. Dr. Kirk W. Morton, Eulogist

Obituary
“A New Home”

For 57 years, Allison affectionately known as “Jo,” or “Aunt Jo,” and to the younger generation “Grandma Jo” resided at 715 Burnside Street in Orange, NJ. On Monday, February 29, quietly and peacefully in the early afternoon, Jesus took Allison to her new home. **Allison Josephine Betty Scott** was born on February 13, 1933. She was the second to the youngest child born to the union of Philip, Sr. and Agnes Scott. Allison attended the Montclair Public School System. After graduating from Montclair High School, she was the first in her immediate family to graduate from college. She had an aspiration to become a nurse; Jo matriculated to one of the leading and most challenging nursing programs at the Historically Black College (HBCU) Hampton Institute, which is now known as Hampton University. She graduated from a five-year program in 1957 with her degree in nursing. Upon graduating, Jo began her journey into the nursing field. Not realizing at the time that her success in life would be an inspiration to her nieces and nephews, which would motivate them to follow in her footsteps and pursue their degrees in higher education.

Allison’s career began at St. Mary’s Hospital in Orange, NJ as a teacher in Nursing. She did not remain there for long due to racial issues. From St. Mary’s, Jo became an educator in social work, and after a few years in social work, Jo took another position as a teacher of nursing at Essex County College. It was during this time Jo realized that she needed to continue her education; so she completed her Masters degree at Seton Hall University in Psychology of Nursing. Upon receipt of her graduate degree, she received a job at Chrill Care in Montclair where she served as a Director of Nursing and helped to establish the local community Visiting Nurses Health Care Program. After many years she left Chrill and went to work, as the Director of Nursing at Overbrook Hospital in Cedar Grove, NJ. She closed out her career in the field of nursing at Overbrook. During this time Jo loved to travel. She spent time traveling to many states and countries around the world (e.g., Russia, China, Egypt, Ireland and many more). These travels also inspired and exposed her nieces and nephews to the wonders of travel. She had a deep passion for her family. Jo was so beautiful with that gregarious, gapped tooth smile (and a cold beer in hand). She was always right in the middle of the fun. Often showing off by doing her favorite dance step, the camel walk. She would always be laughing and smiling and filling the room with her beautiful spirit. She was just pure fun and joy to be around. This loving nature was evident up until the day she died. No one in the family was able to ask her for help without her sharing it willingly. She caringly offered medical, psychological, financial and social support to every member of the family and never expected anything in return, but love.

She was predeceased in death by her parents, Phillip, Sr. and Agnes, her brothers, Whitfield and Phillip, Jr., and her sister, Elaine S. Morton, David W Morton, Jr; James Sherman; her niece and namesake, Allison E. Morton; and her adorable great niece, Kia Dionne Carnegie. She leaves to mourn her eldest sister, Roberta S. Sherman, her eldest nephew, Davyd Morton, III (Lynda) of Nebraska, her niece, Lynn Morton-Randall of Maplewood, NJ; Barbara Morton of Montclair, NJ; The Rev. Dr. Kirk Morton of Roselle, NJ, Helen E. Morton of Upper Montclair; Randall Sherman and Judy Sherman of Plainfield, NJ; her cousins, Marie Hunt, Sandra, Ann Pettway and Bruce Scott. In addition, she leaves to mourn a host of family members, great nieces and nephews and friends who were able to call, visit and express their unconditional love for her. In particular, we must acknowledge Chris Darben, Toni Stoute, Wren Stevens, and Ann Pettway for their continuous love and support. A very special “Thank You” goes to her health care workers; Angela, Pam, Ohmo, and Elijah for all of their love, thoughtfulness and their sincerity of care giving. Finally, a very special “Thank You” goes to Dr. Michael Gutkin and Dr. Luigi Bonomini and the workers at the Urology Center in Maplewood, NJ for their superlative care and sensitivities. Allison knew she was in the best of hands while in their care.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Juanda Boxley

ProcessionalThe Clergy

Hymn of Comfort“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer of ComfortBro. Davyd W. Morton, III

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6Andrea Pettway
New Testament - John 14:1-6Arlene Gibbs

Musical Selection..... (Congregational) “Blessed Assurance”

Remarks (Two Minutes Please)Community - Elijah Grace
Church - Roz Samuels
Family - Barbara Doctor
LaTonya Doctor

AcknowledgementsChurch Clerk, Veronica Morton

Obituary..... Raquel Scott

Selection “There’s A Sweet Spirit”

EulogyThe Rev. Dr. Kirk W. Morton, Eulogist

Recessional“Soon And Very Soon”.....Clergy and Family

Interment
Glendale Cemetery
28 Hoover Avenue
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Repast

Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited for a repast back at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder in so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed
he will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

The family of Allison Josephine Betty Scott wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation for the many kind acts and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concerns.

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